

4-H Premier Beef, Sheep & Swine Exhibitor Program

This program is designed to recognize 4-H beef, sheep and swine project members who can articulate their understanding about the future of the animal industry and their knowledge about animal production. **The top three entrants will be rewarded a scholarship and plaque.**

What is involved?

A composite score will be computed from the following five elements:

1. Showmanship – Score based on your ability to handle and best present your animal and answer any questions the judge might pose. (15%)
2. Best showing ribbon earned. (10%)
3. A seven-minute interview with producers, ISU Extension staff, or industry representatives. The purpose of the interview is to rank youth based on their understanding of the importance of the industry, their ability to communicate their ideas, and the ability to take a proactive stance on issues related to the livestock industry. (25%)
4. Completing a 30-minute exam covering questions on production. (25%)
5. Completing a 30-minute Skillathon – Questions may be on reading a medication label, feed tag, identifying cuts of meat, balancing a ration, identifying feed stuffs, etc. (25%)

All activities will take place at the Iowa State Fair.

Our sponsor for this program is the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement. If you are about to be a senior in high school, the money will be held in escrow within the Foundation for Advancement of Agriculture until you seek education beyond high school. Scholarship winners will not be eligible to compete the following year.

This contest is open to 4-H'ers who have completed their junior or senior year in high school.

4-H'ers may compete in only one species contest per year. A contestant who has previously won a scholarship is not eligible to compete in that specie's contest again.

Entry forms are available at county Extension offices. To enter, please return the following form to the State 4-H Youth Office by August 1.